

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 12, and 13 have been amended, claims 2, 7-11, and 14-15 have been cancelled, and new claims 19-24 have been added. Therefore, claims 1, 3-6, 12-13, and 16-24 are currently being examined.

In the Office Action dated October 16, 2008, the Examiner allowed claim 18. The Examiner objected to claims 2-6, 12, 13, 16 and 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that each of the above claims "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." (Office Action at 5).

Applicant has amended the claims according to the Examiner's instructions, and believes entry of the foregoing amendments "*prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance," thereby satisfying the "reply" requirement of 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b). (See MPEP 711.03(c)(II)(A)(2)(b)).

Accordingly, the limitations of (objected to) claim 2 have been added to independent claim 1, and all claims have either been rewritten in independent form as requested by the Examiner, or now depend from an amended independent claim. For example, claim 3 now depends from amended claim 1. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form, and claim 5 depends therefrom. Likewise, claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 12 and 13 now depend from amended claim 1.

Support for new claims 19-24 comes directly from the previous set of claims. These claims therefore include no new matter. New claims 19-24 simply combine the allowable subject matter from the previous set of claims. For example, new claims 19-20 recite the same limitations of previously presented (and objected to) claim 12, but now depend from (currently amended) claims 4 and 6, respectively. Likewise, new claims 21-22 recite the same limitations of previously presented (and objected to) claim 13, but now depend from (currently amended) claims 4 and 6, respectively. Finally, new claims 23-24 recite the same limitations of previously presented (and objected to) claim 17, but now refer to the compositions of (currently amended) claims 4 and 6, respectively.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and pass this application to issue. If there are any questions, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative Rodney Fuller at (602) 916-5404 to resolve any remaining issues to expedite the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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